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Human rights questions: comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action

Report of the Third Committee*

Rapporteur: Mr. Pedro **Cardoso** (Brazil)

1. At its 17th plenary meeting, on 20 September 2005, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its sixtieth session, under the item entitled "Human rights questions", the sub-item entitled "Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action" and to allocate it to the Third Committee.

2. The Committee held a general discussion on the sub-item jointly with sub-item 71 (a) at its 22nd meeting, on 24 October 2005. An account of the Committee's discussion is contained in the relevant summary record (A/C.3/60/SR.22).

3. No action was taken by the Third Committee under this sub-item.

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Human rights questions: report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

Report of the Third Committee*

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1. At its 17th plenary meeting, on 20 September 2005, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its sixtieth session, under the item entitled "Human rights questions", the sub-item entitled "Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights" and to allocate it to the Third Committee.

2. The Committee held a general discussion on the sub-item jointly with sub-items 71 (b) and (c) at its 23rd to 34th meetings, from 25 to 28 and on 31 October and on 2 and 7 November 2005, and took action under sub-item 71 (e) at its 48th meeting, on 23 November. An account of the Committee's discussion is contained in the relevant summary records (A/C.3/60/SR.23-34 and 48).

3. For the documents before the Committee under this sub-item, see document A/60/509.

4. At its 23rd meeting, on 25 October, the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights addressed the Committee. The Committee subsequently engaged in a question-and-answer session with the High Commissioner in which the representatives of Canada, Pakistan, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Cuba, Iraq, China, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (on behalf of the European Union) and Costa Rica took part (see A/C.3/60/SR.23).

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5. At the same meeting, introductory statements were also made by the Director of the New York Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and the Director of the Division for Social Policy and Development of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (see A/C.3/60/SR.23).

6. For the action taken by the Third Committee under this sub-item, see document A/60/509.